

Department of Architecture Exchange Program with Hong Kong University and Delft University of Technology

Each fall, three MIT undergraduate students will have the opportunity to study architectural design at either Hong Kong University (HKU) or Delft University of Technology (TUD) in The Netherlands. The architecture programs at MIT, HKU and TUD have many similarities. All enjoy high reputations on their respective continents, exist within institutions with strong commitments to architecture and technology, and conduct their courses in English. BSAD architectural design students would enroll in an advanced studio as well as recommended elective subjects at the foreign university during the fall term of the senior year.

Eligibility of MIT Undergraduates

Only students who are able to complete all Institute and Department requirements in time for graduation are eligible. While attending TUD or HKU, MIT students will be enrolled in their final architectural design studio requirement (21 units) plus 27 units of unrestricted elective. Students will be eligible to apply in the spring of their junior year providing that the following criteria has been met by the end of the junior year:

- enrolled as Course 4 architectural design discipline stream student
- completed the following department required subjects: 4.115, 4.302, 4.401, 4.500, 4.605, and 4.440
- need no more than 48 units of course work upon returning to MIT for the final semester
- Communications Requirement completed or a plan in place for completion during final term
- HASS Concentration Proposal submitted
- No more than 4 PE points remaining

Application Process

Applications to the program must be made by ADD DATE of the spring semester of the junior year.

Applications consist of:

- a portfolio of design work to date,
- a letter of interest written by the applicant,
- a letter of support from a current or previous studio instructor,
- the name of two faculty members to be used for references (contact info),
- and a proposal for completion of coursework in the final term signed by the academic advisor.

All materials are submitted to Renée Caso in room 7-337. A maximum of three students will be selected and they will be informed no later than the first week of April.

Upon acceptance into the exchange program, students are required to meet with Renée Caso to prepare documentation required. The deadline for submitting this documentation is May 1. Contact with the international relations offices of the foreign institutions will be made, and they will assist with documentation processing, visa information, negotiating proper registration, and finding housing.

Transfer Credit

Students will meet with faculty coordinator Jan Wampler upon return from the exchange program prior to Add Date of the final term to receive approval of transfer credit. If satisfactory grades were received, students will receive credit for 4.116 (21 units) and 27 units of unrestricted elective credit. Public presentations will be scheduled within the first four weeks of the spring term.